

The committee-reported amendments were agreed to.

The bill (S. 1773), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

NATIONAL CYSTIC FIBROSIS AWARENESS MONTH

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the HELP Committee be discharged from further consideration and the Senate now proceed to H. Con. Res. 357.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 357) supporting the goals and ideals of National Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 357) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:15 a.m. on Thursday, May 25. I further ask that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two Leaders be reserved, and the Senate then resume consideration of S. 2611, as under the previous order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, in the morning we will work toward passage of the immigration bill. We have our final amendment list lined up. We will likely debate the amendments and stack them together very early in the afternoon. I do anticipate passage of the bill by early afternoon following those votes.

Following passage of this comprehensive immigration bill, we will proceed to the cloture vote on the Kavanaugh nomination. I filed cloture the night before last. We are attempting to reach a time agreement on the Hayden nomination. I feel strongly we need to complete action on the Hayden nomination before we leave. It is an important position, General Hayden being the right man for this position at a very important time in our history. We also have

the Portman nomination for OMB and the Schwab nomination at the USTR to clear this week, as well. It is my goal to reach an agreement with the other side of the aisle as to when we might be able to bring him to the Senate.

Finally, I mention that I filed a cloture motion on the nomination of our former colleague, Dirk Kempthorne, to be Secretary of the Interior. I have tried over the course of the day, to no avail, to be able to bring that to a vote and was unable to do so with an objection on the other side of the aisle. I have filed cloture tonight. This vote will occur on Friday.

We end Wednesday, at a late hour, having had a very productive day today, very productive day yesterday, really, this whole week. I appreciate the collegial approach our colleagues have taken in allowing amendments to come forward, to be debated, thoroughly debated, discussed and voted upon. We set out on this immigration bill well over a month ago. We had a hiatus over the recess, came back and in a very bipartisan spirit had an agreement to proceed to consider votes with these amendments and have the votes taken.

We have had huge progress. The debate has been very good. Everyone has participated in that debate. Everyone has had the opportunity to submit amendments and have them debated.

With that, we have progressed in our understanding of both the importance of this bill but also the importance of having a comprehensive solution to the challenges we face, with 12 million people here illegally, the need, absolute necessity of having a strong temporary worker program in this country for economic reasons and employment reasons and then, first and foremost, sealing our borders, locking down our borders in the sense we can have legal immigration and not illegal immigration coming across at ports of entry.

I have been very pleased with the debate. It has been very tough, very challenging, for a number of our Members. There is no consensus in the sense that everyone has gotten exactly what they wanted, but I will be absolutely satisfied with this bill as a reflection of the will of 100 Senators, the will of this Senate after this very long time in the Senate but very good and productive time where so many amendments have been considered.

We will complete the bill tomorrow. I expect the bill to pass tomorrow. I can't predict what the final outcome will be, but I think it will reflect this very open, free, deliberate process we have seen over the last several weeks.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:15 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the

Senate, I ask unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 10:15 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, May 25, 2006, at 9:15 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate May 24, 2006:

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

PATRICK W. DUNNE, OF NEW YORK, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (POLICY AND PLANNING); VICE CLAUDE M. KICKLIGHTER, RESIGNED.

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

SUBJECT TO QUALIFICATIONS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE FOLLOWING FOR PERMANENT APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION.

To be commander

PHILIP A. GRUCCIO
RICHARD R. WINGROVE
RANDALL J. TEBEEST
JOHN J. ADLER
MICHAEL S. WEAVER
ANNE K. LYNCH
KARL F. MANGELS
ANITA L. LOPEZ
JEFFREY C. HAGAN
JOHN K. LONGENECKER

To be lieutenant commander

JULIE V. HELMERS
MARK A. WETZLER
KURT A. ZEGOWITZ
TIMOTHY J. GALLAGHER
JOE C. BISHOP
NATHAN H. HANCOCK
PETER V. SIEGEL
DEMIAN A. BAILEY
MICHAEL F. ELLIS
NANCY L. ASH
ELIZABETH I. JONES
ARTHUR J. STARK, JR.
THOMAS J. PELTZER

To be lieutenant

PAUL W. KEMP
KATHERINE R. PEET
MICHAEL G. LEVINE
BRYAN R. WAGONSSELLER
ALLISON B. MELICHAREK
EARL M. SPENCER
JEFFREY D. SHOUP
HECTOR L. CASANOVA
AMANDA M. BITTINGER
NICOLE M. MANNING
ERIC T. JOHNSON
JASPER D. SCHAEER
JESSICA E. DAUM
AMANDA M. MIDDLEMISS
NATASHA R. DAVIS
LUKE J. SPENCE
JOHN J. LOMNICKY
LUNDY E. PIXTON

To be lieutenant (junior grade)

SAMUEL F. GREENAWAY
TRACY L. HAMBURGER
MICHAEL O. GONSALVES
OLIVIA A. HAUSER
DANIEL E. ORR
REBECCA J. ALMEIDA
TONY III PERRY
JONATHAN R. FRENCH
AMY B. COX
PAUL S. HEMMICK
MATTHEW J. JASKOSKI
STEPHEN C. KUZIRIAN
LINDSEY M. VANDENBERG
MADELEINE M. ADLER
CAROL N. ARSENAULT
JAMES L. BRINKLEY
JOHN E. CHRISTENSEN
SEAN M. FINNEY
LAUREL K. JENNINGS
GUINEVERE R. LEWIS
ALLISON R. MARTIN
JASON R. SAXE
PAUL M. SMIDANSKY
DAVID A. STRAUSS
REBECCA J. WADDINGTON
JAMIE S. WASSER